

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6-19 and 21-43 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-3, 6-19, 21-39 and 43 are allowed.

Claims 40-42 are rejected.

Claims 40-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Claim 42 is canceled.

Claims 6, 38, and 40 have been amended.

No new matter is added.

Claims 1-3, 6-19, 21-41 and 43 remain in the case for consideration.

Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Examiner Interview

An Examiner Interview was conducted November 27, 2006 between a representative of the Applicants, and Examiner Douglas Owens. During the interview, the applicant representative inquired whether amending claim 40 with the limitations from claim 42 specifying that the widthwise wavy portion of the beam lead includes a semicircular widthwise wavy portion or an S-shaped widthwise wavy portion would overcome the Yoon reference. Examiner Owens indicated that it appeared that this amendment would overcome the Yoon reference.

In the Claims

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 40-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,037,662 to Yoon, et al. ("Yoon").

Claim 40 has been amended to include the limitations from claim 42 specifying that the widthwise wavy portion of the beam lead includes a semicircular widthwise wavy portion or an S-shaped widthwise wavy portion. As discussed during the Examiner Interview, this amendment overcomes the Yoon reference because Yoon does not teach this limitation. Thus, the Applicants submit that claim 40 is in proper form for allowance and request that the rejection under § 102 be removed.

Claim 41 depends from claim 41. Based at least in part on its dependency, the Applicants submit that claim 41 is likewise in proper form for allowance.

Claim 42 has been canceled. Thus, the rejection under § 102(b) is moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3, 6-19, 21-39 and 43 are allowed. The Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging the patentable subject matter of these claims. The Applicants note that claims 6 and 38 have been amended to correct minor informalities in the claim grammar. However, these amendments do not alter the scope or meaning of any of the claim limitations. Thus, the Applicants submit that these claims remain in allowable form.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-3, 6-19, 21-41 and 43 of the application as amended is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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